

# CHOOSING SST TRAVEL COURSES

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## The Big Picture

Here are the goals of Goshen College's SST program:

- To learn to know yourself (and your own culture) better and reflect on your position in the world
- To function competently and respectfully in languages and cultures different from your own
- To develop a personal sense of responsibility for the common good in the world by working alongside others
- To understand complex issues within global systems and how they affect people who are disadvantaged

*How do these goals fit with your own? How will this learning help you meet additional goals you may have related to graduate school and career growth? How can you make the most of this rare and precious opportunity?*

**Any of the following steps in any order can help you narrow your choices:**

## How long are you able to be gone?

*Italicized options are running in 2024-25*

Question	If YES, your travel course choices are...
<p><i>Are you interested in 13 weeks abroad?</i></p> <p>Learn another language, live with host families and have an international field placement:</p>	<p><i>Ecuador, Indonesia, Senegal, Tanzania</i></p> <p>Other options may be available through other schools. See GEO.</p>
<p><i>Do you prefer a three to six-week travel experience?</i></p> <p>Both domestic and international locations; may include short homestays and volunteer work.</p>	<p>Guatemala London <i>India</i> <i>Navajo Nation (6 weeks)</i> Northern Ireland <i>Puerto Rico</i> <i>South Philadelphia</i> <i>U.S. Environmental Disaster site</i> Israel/Palestine (paused)</p>
<p><i>Is your capacity for group travel limited to 4-5 days?</i></p>	<p>Chicago, Detroit—or choose courses labeled on campus.</p>
<p><i>Do you need to limit your immersive learning to local options? (Italicized courses are running in 2024-25.)</i></p>	<p><b>GLST 251:</b> <i>Health Promotion</i> <b>GLST 271:</b> <i>Virtual Global Health, Latino Community Histories, Multilingual Learners, Interreligious Dialogue</i></p>

## What themes matter to you?

Which of the following themes relates most closely to your interests or major? To see all course options in a thread, go to SST Options by Thread at

Themes	Destinations with this theme	Other destinations strong in this theme
Arts and Purpose	London, Northern Ireland	Senegal has a great local music scene; Javanese arts figure prominently in Indonesia SST
Ecological justice	Environmental Disaster site, Detroit, India, Tanzania	Effects of climate change can be witnessed everywhere!
Global Health and Equity	All courses are on campus, in Elkhart County or virtual	Senegal is a pioneer in COVID management and providing universal health care coverage.
Global Heartland	Chicago and Elkhart County	Any campus-based GLST 251 or 271
Hispanic Identities and Resilience	Puerto Rico, Guatemala	Ecuador
Interreligious Relations	South Philadelphia, Israel-Palestine	Encounter Islamic culture and the interplay between major world religions in both Senegal and Indonesia semester SST units.
Peace and Reconciliation: see how societies manage ethnic diversity	Senegal, Indonesia	Courses in Interreligious Relations thread; Northern Ireland...all locations!
Themes related to Indigenous Communities	Navajo Nations, Ecuador	MDS location in Red Lake MN; Most international locations

## 4. What fits your academic schedule?

Your advisor needs to help you with this.

Remember that a May-summer semester SST unit counts as one of your eight semesters for financial aid. Check with Financial Aid to see how this would affect you. Plan to take off another semester; cover costs without financial aid; or arrange to go part-time for a ninth semester if just a few courses are still needed.

## Is cost a factor for you?

**SST Destinations by Cost** Costs may vary depending when you take the course. Fees here are based on 2023-24 OR 2024-25 pricing unless otherwise indicated.

Destination	Extra cost, residential	Extra room and board fees, commuters	Other comments
India*	\$3200	\$1175 for GLST 251	passport, immunizations
Israel-Palestine**	\$2500	\$1175	2022-23 pricing; cost will rise. Passport, immun.
London**	\$1900	\$1175	Students also pay lunch & dinner. 2022-23 pricing; cost will rise.
Indonesia*	\$1800	\$5885	passport, immunizations
Tanzania*	\$1800	\$5885	passport, immunizations
Senegal*	\$1800	\$5885	passport, immunizations
Puerto Rico	\$1500	\$1175	
Guatemala**	\$1000	\$1175	2022-23 pricing, cost will rise. Passport; may need immunizations
Ecuador*	\$900	\$5885	passport, immunizations
Philadelphia	\$900	\$1175	
Chicago	\$300	\$1175	
Detroit	\$300	\$1175	
Enviro Disaster site	\$200	\$1175	
On campus courses	\$0	\$0	

## Special Cases

Pricing for summer courses includes tuition. Summer tuition is significantly lower than the semester rate.

- **Navajo Nation:** Student extra cost for all four courses is \$4710 including travel fee, summer tuition, room and board for the GLST 271 course. Commuters add \$1175 for May term room and board.
- **India, GLST 271:** Add \$2855, tuition, room and board to cost for GLST 251.
- **Northern Ireland, GLST 271:** Summer tuition \$2770 (2023-24); plus \$2330 travel, room & board.

## ***Is cost a factor? continued***

Are you willing to *plan ahead* and pursue scholarship opportunities that can help you pay for SST?  
This may require filling out forms, gathering documents and/or writing essays.

**If yes:** *Are you a commuter student?*

Need-based commuter scholarships of up to half of room and board are available from Goshen College. See Matt Wimmer in Financial Aid.

*Are you Pell eligible?*

If yes, see [Gilman Scholarships](#). GC students get these every year. They are worth \$3000-\$5000.

*Are you interested in Tanzania or Indonesia?*

If yes, you will be learning a critical-need language. Additional funding may be available.

**Fun fact:** A Pell-eligible student who received both a Gilman Scholarship and a commuter scholarship could reduce their cost for a semester abroad by about \$6000.

**Also see** [goshen.edu/sst/scholarships/](http://goshen.edu/sst/scholarships/).

## **Other**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Your travel course choices are...</b>
<i>Are you uneasy about travel due to health concerns, physical limitations or racial or sexual identity?</i>	If yes, check out our <a href="#">Common Concerns</a> handout to see which destinations might work best for you. Also consult the faculty member involved or the Global Education Office. ( <a href="http://goshen.edu/sst/schedule/">goshen.edu/sst/schedule/</a> )
<i>Are you undocumented or do you have visa restrictions?</i>	Navajo Nation, Environmental Disaster, Chicago, Detroit, South Philadelphia and possibly Puerto Rico.
<i>Are you seeking a location or type of experience we don't offer?</i>	Yes, there are other options. See <a href="http://goshen.edu/sst/intercultural-requirement/">goshen.edu/sst/intercultural-requirement/</a> point #4 and consult the director of Global Education, NC 35.